



Spotlight on Saluda . . .

Saluda County was named for the Saluda River, which forms one of its borders. The county was established in 1895 from part of Edgefield County. The Cherokee Indians lived in this area for many years. In 1755, they signed a treaty with the British at their settlement, known as Saluda Old Town. Scotch-Irish and English settlers subsequently began moving into the area, while the Cherokees moved farther to the north. Two famous heroes of the Alamo, William Barrett Travis (1809-1836) and James Butler Bonham (1807-1836) were natives of what is now Saluda County.

Newberry Workforce Center

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Location & Climate

- Located in the west central area of the state
- Surrounded by Greenwood, Newberry, Lexington, Aiken, and Edgefield counties
- This region has an average temperature of 62.4 degrees with an annual average rainfall of 47.0 inches.

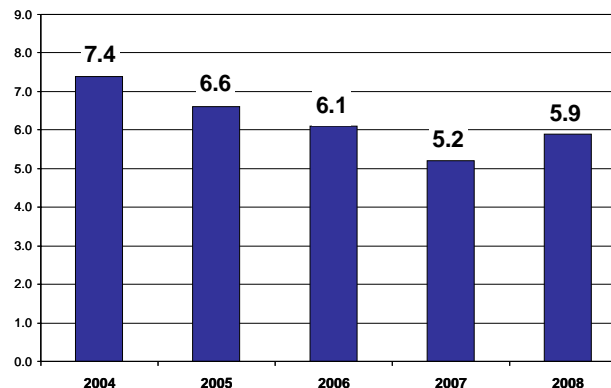
Population

- Was 18,690 in 2007
- Estimated growth to 19,810 by 2015
- 2007 data was comprised of 70.7% White, 28.5% African-American, and 0.8% Other
- The Hispanic-Latino population has increased from 1,401 in 2000 to 2,489 in 2007, a 77.7% change.

Labor Force

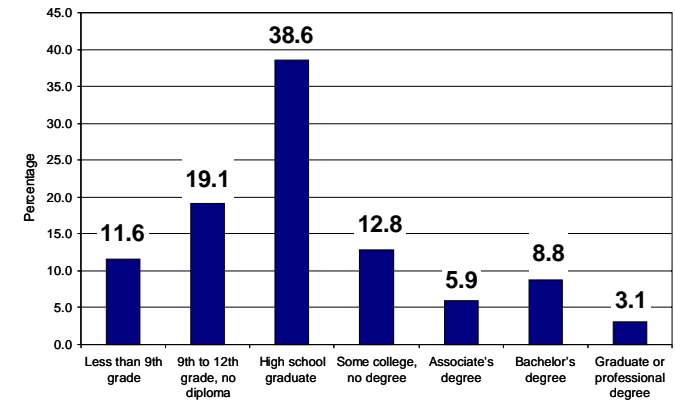
- Increased from 9,110 in 2007 to 9,200 in 2008
- Employment rose from 8,630 in 2007 to 8,650 in 2008.
- Unemployment rate climbed from 5.2% in 2007 to 5.9% in 2008.

**Unemployment Rates for Saluda County
2004 - 2008**



Educational Attainment

Saluda County 2007



Per Capita Income

- County per capita income was \$28,780 for 2007.
- This was 93% of the state's per capita income of \$31,100.
- This was 75% of the national per capita income of \$38,620.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Newberry Workforce Center, which serves Saluda and Newberry counties, paid \$5,898,689 in regular unemployment insurance benefits during 2008.



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